

REMARKS

Claims 1-5, and 8-14 are presently pending in the application.

The Examiner has again repeated the rejection of all of the claims under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Blank'756 either alone or in view of Damani et al. for the reasons of record. While not agreeing with the Examiner's rejections or the arguments in support thereof, Applicants have amended claim 1 to incorporate the subject matter of allowable claim 7 (including intervening claim 6), and claim 8 has been amended to change its dependency to claim 1.

In view of the Examiner's indication of allowability of claims 7-10, it is submitted that all of the claims in the application are now allowable, since claim 1 corresponds to allowable claim 7, and all of the remaining claims depend directly or indirectly from the amended allowable claim 1.

In view of the above Amendments and Remarks, it is submitted that all of the claims in the application are in condition for allowance, and reconsideration and an early Notice of Allowance are respectfully solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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